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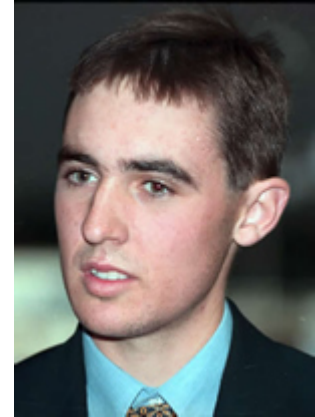
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July Dinner Guest Speaker
Trainer/Reinsman Mark Reed

Described as one of harness racing's most colorful characters and one of the country's finest reinsmen, Mark Reed is to be Guest Speaker at our 21 July Dinner Meeting.

Ever since winning his second drive in a race with Arabson in 1996 as a 16 year-old, he has revealed rare skill in the sulky and been recognised as a special talent and a superb judge of pace as a reinsman.



Trainer/Reinsman Mark Reed



Reinsman Mark Reed with the connections of successful Undertheinfluence in November 2009

Also like many of our talented footballers, he has suffered the occasional wrath of the umpire with stewards fining and suspending him several times claiming improper use of his whip and other indiscretions.

At one stage, late last year, he seriously contemplated taking a break from driving to concentrate on preparing his team of about 15 horses, including Perth Cup hopeful, Gondorff.

However, the scuttlebutt that had the pacing fraternity abuzz was short-lived when Mark returned to winning form later that week.

"I had gone to get my super out this morning and there was only about \$385 in it, so I had to make a comeback," joked a delighted Reed after guiding Bonavista Bay, a heavily-backed 13/8 favourite, to a commanding all-the-way victory.

As notable journalist Ken Casellas aptly described at the time:

"He has cast aside all his problems and is driving with wonderful professionalism, dexterity and artistry. He is truly a master of his craft."

We look forward to hearing from Mark on **July 21**. Acknowledgement to Ken Casellas and Harnesslink



Reinsman Mark Reed with the connections of his successful come-back drive Bonavista Bay in November 2009

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BRING A GUEST!!

Special Guest from North Carolina

A native West Australian is known as a “Sandgroper” for fairly obvious reasons but those born in the American state of North Carolina have the unusual tag of “Tarheel”.

Even more unusual is to have a genuine Tarheel in our midst going by the moniker Travis Barefoot. He is entering his fourth year of an Exercise and Sport Science degree at the University of North Carolina next month and will then undertake a three year physiotherapy graduate program to obtain his Doctorate in Physiotherapy.

His interest in athletics has fueled his career path with a passion and as a certified personal trainer and performance enhancement specialist we are pleased to have him assisting at Swan Districts – even if only briefly. Travis has trained athletes or participated in baseball, (U.S.) football, basketball, swimming, cross country and track.

He has been working on rehabilitation programs with our injured Swans as well as creating extra weight training sessions for other players. As a competitive powerlifter holding seven records in his weight class, Travis is well equipped to assist in that area. He is also acting as liaison between the Club’s coaching and support personnel and the Bassendean Wellness Centre to ensure player injury treatment is synergistic.

Newcrest Mining Manager Captivates June Dinner Meeting

We were privileged to have Craig Thompson, Manager - Support Services for new Club Sponsor Newcrest Mining Ltd as our June Guest Speaker. A good attendance by members provided a captivated audience along with players Mathew Aitchison and Ashley Cooper to hear about the significance of the partnership with the Club.

Roy Jewell also captivated us with a very entertaining reflection on exploits in his early career in the navy - prompting finesmaster Rod Greene to suggest a nickname change – much to the amusement of all.



ABOVE (from Left): Guest Speaker Craig Thomson from Newcrest Mining, members Neville Bassett & Fred Pantin
BELOW: Norm Kirkup pays up under the watchful eye of player guest Mathew Aitchison

ABOVE: Adrian van den Avoort, Marcel Weggelaar and Neil Schorer pay fines to Rod Greene’s helper Graeme Higgins
BELOW: Roy Jewell responds to Rod’s suggested new nickname to the amusement of players Aitchison & Cooper



Name Change Approved at Special General Meeting

Last month's Special General Meeting unanimously approved the change of the Association's name to "Swansmen Incorporated".

And that's not where the legal paperwork ends as we have now been requested to review our Constitution (now called Rules of the Association) to ensure it complies with the requirements of the updated Associations Incorporation Act.

A sub-committee will be appointed to take on this task with a view to consideration at the Annual General Meeting in November. Volunteers are invited to contact the President via president.swansmen@gmail.com or on 0402 448 896.

REMINDER: Return your AFL Grand Final Raffle Ticket Butts!!

With all books now in circulation and a number of enquiries for the odd ticket still coming in, please give the ticket butts and money (and any unsold tickets) to our Treasurer. He has returned from his trek on the Gibb River Road. If you can't bank the funds directly to our account and mail him the butts, bring them and the cash along to our July Dinner Meeting so we can ensure that any unsold tickets are redistributed. It is important for our overall contribution to the Football Club that we have a sellout!

 <p>Swansmen Association</p> <p>AFL 2010 GRAND FINAL RAFFLE</p> <p>First Prize</p> <p>AFL 2010 Grand Final tickets for two people with two nights accommodation, airfares, MCG ground entrance and reserved seats and Game Day AFL Brunch</p> <p>Valued at \$6,200 (Courtesy of Jet Set Travel Bassendean)</p>	<p>Ticket No. SAMPLE</p>	<p><i>AFL Raffle - a few left</i></p> <p>Share a ticket with a friend</p> <p>*Pay by EFT or deposit to:</p> <p>Swansmen Association Inc</p> <p>Westpac BSB: 036-080</p> <p>Account No: 276254.</p> <p>In Reference Box type in:</p> <p>AFL - [Your name]</p>
	<p>Only 120 Tickets of \$100 Each</p>	

* Subject to availability. If sold out, money transferred to the bank account will be returned.

Swansmen Present Club With Captain's 1990 Premiership Guernsey

Thanks to past Swansmen President Rod Greene's initiative, 1990 Premiership Captain Peter Hodyl was encouraged to part with the guernsey he wore in Swan's last League Grand Final success 20 years ago.

Rod arranged for Peter to sign it and had it framed ready for an appropriate time to present to the Club for inclusion with other important memorabilia.

The occasion arrived at the last home game President's Luncheon and Club President Peter Harvey (right) accepted the valuable item from Swansmen President Peter Snow.



Next Dinner Meeting: Wednesday 21st July, 2010 6.30 for 7.00 pm			
Venue: Past Players' & Officials' Room		Guest Speaker: Mark Reed	
Swan Districts Football Club		Reinsman/Trainer	
REST OF 2010 PROGRAM:	18th August	15th September	20th Oct
17th Nov (AGM)	Ladies "Thank You" Luncheon Sunday 28th November		



SWAN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL CLUB

Annual Luncheon Auction

Co-ordinated by the Swansmen – a Club Coterie Group

Sunday 8th August, 2010 Noon to 4 pm

The Swansmen's Auction will not be complete without U!!

The end is nigh! ... that is - all the chasing up of items for the Main and Silent Auctions.

This year we are limiting the Main Auction to a maximum of 55 items and, so far, we have more than 160 up for bids at both Auctions... and an interesting array at that!

Some rather unique items not seen before in our range of offerings have swelled the many usual items that are much sought after. It will be a great afternoon!

Now it's your turn. We need numbers of prospective bidders and those that will enjoy a great afternoon out with lunch and drinks thrown in for just \$50 – or \$45 if you make up and book a table for 10.

A vast array of items ranging in value from less than \$20 up to a Diamond Ring valued at \$9,000 await the bargain hunters at this year's Auction.

A two course buffet with tea and coffee and wine, beer, champagne and soft drinks from noon to 4.00 pm will make it a great outing for friends, colleagues and family.

A selection of some of the early items already locked away with artwork for Display Headers completed are set out on the following four page insert.

Some of the other items for which artwork is yet to be completed include:

- ◆ A range of exquisite Pearl Jewellery
- ◆ Two 42 inch Plasma HD TVs
- ◆ An Executive Office Chair
- ◆ Dinner for 6 including wine
- ◆ at Friends Restaurant in the Hyatt
- ◆ Glamour Photo Portraits
- ◆ A Signed AC/DC Guitar
- ◆ Football and Cricket Memorabilia
- ◆ Paint
- ◆ Steel Blue Boots
- ◆ Swan Valley Indulgence Tour
- ◆ Printing Voucher
- ◆ Toshiba Satellite Laptop
- ◆ Five Seater Inflatable Boat
- ◆ Roof Restoration
- ◆ Golf Vouchers
- ◆ Magazine Subscriptions
- ◆ Book Packs
- ◆ Car Batteries
- ◆ Paint Spray System
- ◆ Entertainment Vouchers
- ◆ \$600 Suit Voucher
- ◆ Tile Vouchers
- ◆ 6PR Radio Advertising
- ◆ Community Newspaper Advertising
- ◆ Seafood and Chicken Vouchers
- ◆ Motor Scooter
- ◆ \$1,000 Jetset Travel Voucher
- ◆ Lunch for Five at Parliament House with Martin Whitely, MLA
- ◆ A large range of Wine from Garbin, Kosovich, Lamont, Freshy Bay, Hamlet Alkoomi and Rare Earth
- ◆ A Deen Sundowner Package (worth over \$1,300) for up to 100 guests in one of the Deen's many bars with finger food and an arrival drink and \$150 gift voucher.

... and much more

MAKE SURE YOU BOOK A TABLE NOW –

Email: auction.swansmen@gmail.com or **CALL** 0402 448 896